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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a case, the method comprising:

preparing a sheet material;

making a thickness of a circumferential portion of the material thinner than a thickness of a center portion of the material, so as to form the circumferential portion as a thin annular portion, which is to be formed as a peripheral wall of the case, so as to provide an intermediate product; and

forward drawing the intermediate product so that the center portion of the material is formed as a bottom of the case and the thin annular portion is formed as the peripheral wall of the case to simultaneously form the peripheral wall and the bottom of the case.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Canceled).

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

forward drawing the intermediate product is also done to form an internal boss.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

forward drawing the intermediate product to simultaneously form the internal boss and the peripheral wall of the case.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Canceled).

16. (Canceled).

17. (Previously Presented) A method of forming a cup-shaped case having an internal boss, the method comprising:

preparing a sheet material;

making a thickness of a circumferential portion of the material thinner than a thickness of a center portion of the material to form a thin annular portion, which is to be formed as a peripheral wall of the case, so as to provide an intermediate product, and simultaneously stamping-forming a concavity in the center portion of the material; and

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forward drawing an intermediate product obtained by the stamping-forming to form a cup-shaped case having a bottom that is thicker than a peripheral wall so that the center portion of the material is formed as a bottom of the case and the thin annular portion is formed as the peripheral wall of the case.